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1. CHANCELLOR HEALEY HAS ANNOUNCED THAT BRITAIN'S DEFENSE BUDGET FOR 1974/75 IS TO BE CUT BY ONLY 50 MILLION POUNDS FROM THE LEVEL SET BY THE TORY GOVERNMENT LAST DECEMBER. THIS STATEMENT APPEARS CORROBORATE COMMENTS MADE TO EMBOFF BY MOD SOURCE LAST WEEK TO EFFECT NEW LABOR GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE NO MAJOR CUTS IN DEFENSE SPENDING PENDING A MAJOR REVIEW OF BRITAIN'S DEFENSE COMMITMENTS, CAPABILITIES AND RESOURCES TO BE COMPLETED IN LATE 1974 (REFTEL).

2. COMMENT: WHILE LABOR'S REDUCTION IN DEFENSE SPENDING IS REASSURINGLY MODEST, ITS IMPACT STILL WILL BE REAL; HEATH GOVERNMENT ALREADY HAD CUT 1974/5 FUNDS BY 178 MILLION POUNDS FROM PLANNED LEVEL, AND NEW REDUCTIONS -- HOWEVER SLIGHT -- CANNOT HELP BUT FURTHER DELAY ONGOING PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS.
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